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(SBU) Economic Counselor and Econoff delivered reftel points responding to the GOT's Qualifying Industrial Zones (QIZ) proposal on January 21 to Mehmet Gucuk, MFA Deputy Director General for Bilateral Economic Affairs, as well as by diplomatic note. Gucuk told us he had already received the paper through Turkey's Washington Embassy and would share it with the Foreign Trade Undersecretariat shortly. Gucuk stated that MFA would work hard to obtain a GOT interagency consensus on whether to proceed with a QIZ with the sectoral restrictions described reftel, but opined that this might not happen before the Prime Minister's visit to Washington next week. He hinted that MFA would support a textile-free QIZ against Foreign Trade opposition. Edelman